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Musings

By the Editor

BOOSTING—NOT KNOCKING
This week marks the close of the Tenth Anniversary celebration which The American has put on during the month of October. These ten years have been happy and eventful ones and have seen many changes in our fair city. Many of the faces of our business associates of ten years ago are gone; others have taken their places, new concerns have come among us and our city is once more a busy mart of trade and is rapidly taking its place in the sun as the third largest city in Jackson county.

The management of this paper feels a deep sense of gratitude for the help and encouragement we have received during our stay here. Only through this help have we been able to attain the measure of success we have reached. We extend our hearty thanks to all who have helped us gather the news of the community; to the business men, both of Medford and Central Point who have given us a generous portion of their patronage, and to the community in general for its support.

And having reached the "long-pants" age, we would like to again call attention to the basic policy of this newspaper—Boosting, not Knocking. Undoubtedly there will be times when The American feels obliged to offer criticism. But the paper feels that, in the main, the interests of the community can best be advanced by picking out and boosting the good things. That if the community continues to strive for higher attainment in all lines, the bad things will be smothered into disappearance.

The American newspaper can contribute mightily to the success of democracy if it uses its editorial columns to inspire thought among its readers. But it will fail to justify its editorial existence if it merely tries to dominate the mind of its readers. Its greatest contribution is not to bend people's minds but to inspire them to think and make up their own minds.

Last week we promised to tell our readers something of the gigantic job now being done at Shasta Dam. First, let us give you a little comparison to give you an idea of the size of the undertaking. Just suppose a dam was built across Rogue River at Cascade Gorge, the top of the dam level with the highway. Just think what a reservoir would be formed when the lake above the dam filled up in due course of time. That's about as near a comparison as we can think of on the spur of the moment.

And here's another one: Suppose there was an immense bed of gravel along Bear Creek opposite Medford and that gravel was needed at Gold Hill to make concrete to build such a dam as we spoke of above. How would you get it there? Well here's how they do it at Shasta: From the gravel plant right across from the city of Redding they have built the longest belt conveyor in the world—ten miles. This belt is made of rubber and is about three feet wide. It is carried on trestle-work and passes above all roads and highways. It is built in sections, each section being driven by a separate electric motor. As the gravel arrives at the end of obstructions each section it is dumped into a sort of hopper, from which it falls onto the next section, which may run in an entirely different direction as may be necessary to avoid hills or other.

Now here's the big stunt: Remember we said each section of the big belt was driven by its own motor. The conveyor passes over a ridge about like Blackwell Hill and when the belt starts down the hill the weight of the gravel spins the motor automatically. So they use dynamos from there on and almost enough electricity is made to drive the motors on the up-hill side. In other words, almost perpetual motion.

The cement for the big dam is shipped in by the trainload, in bulk instead of sacked, and is sucked out of the cars with a sort of gigantic vacuum cleaner, which blows it up into the "silos", as the big storage tanks are called. From there it is blown up the mountain by a system of blowers and pipes to the mixer far above. The sand and gravel is carried up to this mixer on another conveyor. From this central mixer the concrete is carried wherever needed.

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FIRST AID CLASS AT HIGH SCHOOL BY RED CROSS

The standard First Aid course is being offered to the people of Central Point by the Red Cross under the direction of Miss Marjorie Kelly, a qualified first aid instructor. The first meeting will be at 7:30 p. m. Monday, November 3, at the high school. The cost will be very nominal—60c for a first aid book and about 25c for bandages—which won't be needed the first night.

The course is open to men or women and requires 20 hours. Monday and Tuesday evening will be the nights, from 7:30 to 9:30, the hours. It is felt that there should be many in Central Point who will be glad to take advantage of this opportunity to learn first aid. Which is a fine thing to know in any walk of life.

Revival Service To Be Held at Church of Christ

An evangelistic campaign is scheduled to begin Tuesday, November 4, at the Central Point Church of Christ.

Isaiah 55:3—"Incline your ear, and come unto Me; hear and your soul shall live," thus saith the Lord.



Evangelist Donald Newton Ricker, from Boise, Idaho, will be bringing Gospel messages each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

This church has no creed but the Christ; presents no book but the Bible and wears no name but the Divine.

You are invited to hear these Gospel messages. Bring your friends with you. The world needs Jesus Christ, the "Prince of Peace." Are you furthering His program? "We are Christians only, but do not claim to be the only Christians." Undenominational. Great singing, Gospel solos, Gospel preaching.

PLAN BLACKOUT—
A meeting is being held this evening at the city hall to complete plans for the blackout. It is thought that a party will be stationed in each block on Main street to look after signal or light, etc. Telephone operator is not to be blamed if she doesn't answer your call promptly as army flashes come first except in emergencies. The maneuvers were from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. yesterday and today, tomorrow October 31 starting at 12 o'clock noon until 12 o'clock noon November 1.

So what?—

We are taught by great actions that the universe is the property of every individual in it.—Emerson.

Mr. Wilson is so proud of the new front on his store that he is planning to put a slot machine out in front where you may put a dime in the machine and get a pair of dark glasses, so as not to dazzle your eyes. He said he had a good painter but Mr. Johnson said you didn't need a good painter when you used Pittsburg paint.

It seems to be the fashion for the Central Point boys to be wearing beauty patches, at least Arden and Billy were sporting them.

Mr. Taylor asking Mrs. Maud Davis if she heard them fighting. She said not but she heard them using the hammer. Mr. Davis telling her they didn't fight with their tongues, but with hammers.

BLACKOUT

AND DEMONSTRATION OF UNITED STATES ARMY AIR INTERCEPTOR AND COMBAT FORCES
Friday Oct. 31, Between 7:30 & 8:30

Purpose: 1—Officially to test the Northwest air combat and interceptor forces of the United States Army.
2—Officially to test civilian defense units of Jackson County.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PUBLIC

Complete Public Cooperation Is Urged in All Phases of This Defense Test

- (1) The signal for the start of the blackout in Central Point will be one blast of the fire siren. The "all-clear" signal, after which lights may be turned on will be one long and two short blasts of the siren.
- (2) All outside lights—street, neon signs, etc.—should be extinguished—except those marking radio towers or air obstructions.
- (3) All interior lights should be turned off if they can be observed from outside. Dark shades or curtains through which light does not filter should be used on windows and skylights when lights remain on. DO NOT turn off main switches.
- (4) If you are outdoors to watch the airplanes, remain stationary—DO NOT CROSS STREETS. Do not smoke or expose any light.
- (5) If driving a motor car, immediately pull over to the curb or roadside and turn off your lights and motor. Do not try to drive with your lights out. Do not park in front of fire plug at street intersection and do not block center of the street which may be required for police cars, fire engines and other emergency vehicles.
- (6) Stores, industrial and utility plants should have someone on duty during the black-out who will be responsible for protection of the property and the extinguishment of all lights.
- (7) Avoid arguments but report all cases of non-conformance to this emergency effort to your local defense council.

AUTOISTS—
At sound of warning, drive immediately to curb and turn off lights. Do not attempt to operate car with lights off. Do not stop at street intersections or at exits to buildings. Do not block fire hydrants. Do not double park.

OUTSIDE OF CITIES—
Each individual owner is asked to turn off all lights in home or factory.

APARTMENT HOUSES—
Management of all buildings will turn off all outside signs and lights.

STORES AND FACTORIES—
Be sure to have someone on duty to attend to lights.

MAIN SWITCHES—
Do not pull your main switch in home, store or factory. To do so may blow main-line fuses.

NOTE—It is the purpose of all concerned to make it a voluntary civic and patriotic undertaking, and the public is urged to completely and fully cooperate with the Army and civilian forces on that basis.

Powell Family Has Eventful Week-end

Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Powell that their son John was lost in Klamath Falls and that the boys were still looking for him. At first thinking it was a telegram, they were especially disturbed knowing their son had been hunting and thinking of all the accident that might occur on such a trip. Not being able to trace the message until they contacted the telephone office where they learned the message had been sent by a party returning from Klamath Falls that forenoon. Taking their son Harry with them they left for Klamath Falls. Arriving there they found their son home. He had spent the night on a creek east of Bly when it got dark before he returned to camp, he built a fire and camped for the night. When they went to look for him in the morning they met him walking down the road toward home. He did not know that his parents had been notified or he would have sent them a wire.

Mr. Bryan Jolley of Lake Creek was taken violently ill Sunday evening with what was thought to be appendicitis after suffering a good part of the night. Mrs. Jolley called her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Powell. Mr. Powell and son Kenneth left at once for Lake Creek bringing Mr. and Mrs. Jolley to Central Point. Dr. Inskoep was called and reported it a case of food poisoning. Mr. Jolley, while still weak, is much improved and able to return to his home.

NOTICE
Mr. J. E. Vincent reports that Mayor Bonney has given permission to the Boy Scouts to use the old fire bell as a mobilization signal. Three short taps—silence—three short taps—silence—three short taps—in all, nine taps. If this signal sounds you will know it means for the Scouts to gather.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phillips of Merlin spent the week end visiting in Central Point.

AIR DEMONSTRATION—

If you are outdoors to watch the airplanes, remain stationary. Do not cross streets and do not smoke.

ALL CLEAR—
One long and two short blasts of siren will indicate the end of the test. Street lights and all other lights then will be turned on.

SPECIAL NOTICE—
If you must be away from home or apartment, do not leave any light visible from the outside. DO NOT USE YOUR TELEPHONE during the blackout, except in case of extreme emergency. The Central office will be busy during this period with Army calls and should not be interrupted. DO NOT CALL CENTRAL WHEN SIREN SOUNDS.

Funeral Held For Chester Booth

Funeral services for Chester Mack Booth were held at 3:00 p. m. Saturday at the Conger chapel, Rev. C. R. Luther officiating. Many beautiful flowers and the large group of friends spoke of the high esteem in which he was held. Chester Booth died from the effect of a fall while on the logs in the mill pond at the Medford Corporation. He leaves to mourn his passing the following loved ones: his wife, Mrs. Phyllis Booth, father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Booth; two sisters Mrs. Cecil Lacey and Anna Booth; one brother Henry Booth; two grandmothers, Flora McCorkill of Cherryvale, Kansas and Mrs. E. B. Booth; aunt Mrs. Fred Lester and a cousin Mr. Ray Lester.

VISIT AT TRACY HOME—

Mr. & Mrs. Mel Williams and small sons Marty and Monte of Grants Pass were dinner guests at P. A. Tracy home on Sunday. They were supper guests at the John Bohnert home and so were Mr. & Mrs. Chat Elide and Stewart.

Marty is the little fellow who was stricken with polio-myelitis in August. Two weeks ago the cast was removed and a test made with a galvanic current which showed the calf of left leg was not yet fully recovered so a cast was put on that leg only from just above the knee to toe.

Dr. Moore attending physician says there is no cause for alarm but that Marty must stay off his feet six weeks more.

P. T. A. NOTES

Central Point P. T. A. executive committee will meet at the home of Mrs. P. A. Tracy on Tuesday November 4th 1:30 p. m. All members urged to attend.

Proclamation

Whereas, October 27th has been designated as the beginning of a campaign for enlistments for our Navy, and

Whereas, it is necessary that our armed forces be recruited to full strength for national defense in the present world emergency, and

Whereas, the Navy has requested that all local agencies, organizations and groups assist in this worthy movement,

Therefore, I, Pearl A. Bonney Mayor of the City of Central Point, Oregon do hereby proclaim the opening of the Navy campaign and urgently request that merchants, business firms, newspapers, cooperate in this laudable undertaking, and further urge all influential citizens act as a nucleus for arousing public and community interest in the Navy Campaign.

I call upon all patriotic young men in our community who are eligible for service to consider the extraordinary advantages offered by our Navy for enlistment.

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Central Point, Oregon this 27th day of October 1941.

Signed:
Pearl A. Bonney,
Mayor.

23 Students Listed On Honor Roll for Six Weeks Period

Twenty-three students are listed on the honor roll for the first six weeks period in the high school. To attain this honor a student must have no grade below 2 and have at least one grade of 1. Both of these grades represent superior work. Seniors listed are Anita Dickey, Dorothy Fasel, Ruth Freetland, Luvene Hilkey, and Leona Huston. Juniors are Jean Brennessholtz, Norrene Bohnert, Louise Hale, Mary Hodapp, Lucille Metternich, and Margery Dotson. Sophomores are Florence Blasing, Paul Blumenstein, Maxine Hodapp, Eric Johnson, and Lucille Torrey. Freshmen are Shirley Brenner, Anne Dale Coleman, Margaret Finley, Lloyd Huston, Dan Sage, and Willis Sullivan.

INFANT CHILD DIES—

Walter Dale Grosvenor, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Grosvenor of Central Point, died of accidental suffocation while he slept in bed early Wednesday morning.

The child was born in Fairplay, Colo., last September 10. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Brown of Norton, Kansas, and a sister, Geraldine.

Funeral services were held at the graveside in the Central Point cemetery at 2 p. m. today. The Perl funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors, members of the Medford Corporation, the Women's Relief Corp, Civic Club, and Rebekahs for their sympathy in the loss of our loved one. Also for the beautiful cards and flowers.

MRS. PHYLLIS BOOTH
MR. & MRS. L. D. BOOTH
MR. & MRS. CECIL LACEY
HENRY BOOTH
ANNA BOOTH
FLORA McCORKILL
MRS. E. B. BOOTH
MR. & MRS. FRED LESTER
MR. RAY LESTER

The Churches

FEDERATED CHURCH
Rev. C. R. Luther Pastor
Telephone 733
9:45 A.M. Bible School, Wm. Kamberg, Supt.
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship.
6:30 Senior Young People's Meeting.
7:30 P.M. Evening Service.
Tuesday 2:30 P.M. Ladies Bible Class.
Tuesday 7:30 P.M. Choir Practice.
Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Midweek Prayer Service.
Thursday 2:00 P.M. Ladies Aid. Come worship with us.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Minister—Carlos Brown
10:00 A.M. Bible School.
11:00 A.M. Sermon.
7:00 P.M. Young People.
8:00 P.M. Sermon.
Tuesday 8:00 P.M. Orchestra.
Wednesday 8:00 P.M. Prayer Meeting.
Wednesday 9:00 P.M. Choir practice.

HIGHWAY LIGHTS TO BE TURNED OFF FOR BLACKOUT

Travelers on the Oregon Coast Highway (U.S. 101) and both east and west sides of the Pacific Highway (U.S. 99) on Halloween night are warned to use extreme driving care. R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, has informed the Oregon State Motor Association that the State Highway Department will cooperate with the Oregon State Defense Council in the blackout of cities which is arranged for the evening of October 31.

Plans for the blackout and air-raid practice call for the air squadrons to start in southern Oregon and go northward converging on Portland about 10 o'clock that night. Therefore, the blackout periods for southern sections of the state will be somewhat earlier.

Baldock cautioned motorists that due to the fact that most of the flood and blinker lights at intersections, stop-and-go signals, and floodlights illuminating signs are operated by manually controlled switches, lights will probably be out for a slightly longer period than the actual blackout.

Lights will be turned off about fifteen minutes to a half hour before the blackout and turned on as soon as possible after the all-clear signal is given. The labor involved requires an appreciable period of time and the lights probably will be out from 45 minutes to an hour. The public is advised to proceed with due care and caution during this period.

Baldock advised the Motor Association that because there is some question as to the visibility of flashing lights and stop-and-go lights as seen from the air—a few of these will be permitted to operate to determine if they are visible from an airplane. Isolated lights on rural highways as well as aviation and navigation lights on bridges will not be disturbed.

W. R. C. LUNCHEON—

The Woman's Relief Corps is to serve a lunch Friday noon, Oct. 31, consisting of chili, pie and coffee. The lunch will be served in the Trowbridge building, formerly occupied by the Oregon Trail cafe next to the post office. Everyone is invited. A cooked food sale will be held in connection. All members are requested to bring a pie and dishes for the cooked food sale.

Ten Years Ago This Week

Guy Tex received congratulations on completing his quarter century as Postmaster of Central Point. Eastern Star celebrated its 23rd anniversary with Mrs. Esther Sanderson officiating as Worthy Matron. Central Point high school paper force gives two plays and two skits "Sister Mason", "A Bargain's A Bargain", "Dot Entertains" and "The Train leaves in 10 minutes." The cast of characters are as follows: Grace Brown, Elizabeth Fleischer, Clara Smith, Bessie Milton, Anne Howe, Ruth Turpin, Alice Smith, Fred Howe and Donald Snyder. Donald Faber, one of the Willamette football squad, traveled with the team to Tacoma to meet the College of Puget Sound team.

Albert Troutman

And Companion
Are Invited to Be Guests of
The American
and
Craterian Theatre
To See Their Choice of
The Following
CRATERIAN THEATRE
PROGRAMS:
—Ends Saturday Nite!—

Sonja Henle—John Payne in
"SUN VALLEY SERENADE"
—or—
—Sunday—Monday—Tuesday—
Rosamund Russell—Don Ameche
"THE FEMINE TOUCH"
Please Call at The American Office
For Your Guest Tickets
If office closed, call across
street at telephone office for
ticket.